



**PENFOLD SLAMS TRAM!  
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A [petition](#) to stop the extension of the tramline from Victoria Square to North Terrace in Adelaide is being circulated in an attempt to get the Labor state government to take note of the negatives of the proposal.

Shadow Minister for Regional Development Liz Penfold said the \$21 million estimated cost had already blown out by 50 percent to \$31 million and was a disgraceful use of taxpayers' money.

"A further extension to North Adelaide for an extra \$31 million is also being considered.

"Putting \$62 million into roadworks would seal 600 kilometres or cover 1200 kilometres of upgrades, and save lives," she said.

"If the people of this state were given a choice by the Minister for Transport, I am sure they would choose that the money be spent on our state's most dangerous roads."

Mrs Penfold said the extension will create traffic hold-ups and will be dangerous for commuters and pedestrians.

"This street is the main north-south route through the city. Traffic flow needs to be unimpeded so that it moves freely and speedily, with minimal congestion especially during peak traffic times.

"A tramline will again put obstacles in the path of traffic movement and consumer access, as were evident when trams last used this section of King William Street.

"Taking out the trees, the median strip and decorative flagpoles will take the heart out of the main street of the City of Adelaide, making it just another over-crowded thoroughfare."

Copies of the petition are available from Liz Penfold's offices or can be printed off from her web site [www.lizpenfold.com](http://www.lizpenfold.com).